

Rosenwald Schools in South Carolina

Statewide Survey of Historic Properties, National Register of Historic Places and Historical Marker Programs



*Above left & bottom right: inside the restored Carroll School in York County. Above top: the Great Branch Teacherage
Left: The Mt. Zion Rosenwald School—the first Rosenwald School listed in the National Register of Historic Places in SC.*

In 2002, the National Trust for Historic Preservation named Rosenwald Schools among the country's most endangered historic properties. The SC State Historic Preservation Office and SC African American Heritage Commission began an ongoing effort to identify which of the state's approximately 500 Rosenwald buildings remain. To date 35 schools and one teacherage have been found. Six of the schools and the teacherage have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Historical Markers have been erected for 11 schools, some of which are no longer standing. Several groups have successfully taken on projects to repair and reuse Rosenwald Schools including the Hope School near Pomaria, the Great Branch Teacherage in Orangeburg County, the Mt. Zion Rosenwald School in Florence County, Carroll School in York County, and the Pine Grove School in Columbia.

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